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7. (Amended) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein said removable absorbent core component [comprising] comprises at least two removable absorbent core members.

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11. (Amended) An absorbent article for acquiring bodily fluids from a wearer, said absorbent article having a front waist region, a rear waist region, and a crotch region, said absorbent article further comprising:

(a) a backsheet; and

(b) an absorbent core disposed between said backsheet and said wearer, said absorbent core comprising:

at least one first absorbent core component disposed in said crotch region [and which extends substantially to said front and rear waist regions]; and

at least one second absorbent core component removably disposed in fluid communication with said first absorbent core component;

wherein said backsheet includes means for providing access to said second absorbent core component through said backsheet, whereby said second absorbent core component may be removed from said absorbent article through said backsheet.

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23. (Amended) An absorbent article for acquiring bodily fluids from a wearer comprising:

(a) a topsheet;

(b) a backsheet affixed to said topsheet at a periphery; and

(c) at least one removable absorbent core component being disposed between said topsheet and said backsheet;

wherein said topsheet and said backsheet are separable at predetermined areas of said periphery, such that said removable absorbent core [member] component may be removed from said absorbent article.

REMARKS

The amendments to Claims 2 and 23 are merely to provide consistent terminology for recited claim elements. Accordingly, no new matter is involved.

The amendment to Claim 7 is made simply to more clearly and distinctly claim the subject matter disclosed in the specification. For example, on page 8, in lines 13-16 (with reference to FIGS. 3 and 4), and page 8, in lines 29-31 (with reference to FIG. 5), and page 9, in lines 9-11 (with reference to FIG. 6), the specification teaches

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